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Eureka, N. B., Cal., *Feb* 19th 1889
Jest W. G. Mint
Philadelphia.

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inquiry - I have a gold coin of
the United States dated 1799 -
somewhat larger than a \$5. piece
but without designated value
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 purported to have seen a Coin
 like it. And if you can throw
 any light upon the subject - what
 is its value? (I mean intrinsic - as I
 do not intend parting with it) -
 why was not its value stamped
 upon it? and how much of such
 Coin was coined in 1899? I will
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 courtesy -

I am

Respectfully &c
 W.A.W. Davis



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 idea of this Coin -
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 surrounding the eagle's head

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The Coin described is a
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The Cashier saw the piece, ~~saw the piece~~ and pronounced it a miserable piece of work, and so different from the genuine, that none need be deceived by it.

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Eureka, A. B. Cal.

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Wants information
about a Coin of 1799.

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[Abstract:] Wants information about a coin of 1799.

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